

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Section
5 19-20 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-20 new)

7 Sec. 19-20. Signatures; reporting rejected ballots.

8 (a) In addition to any other requirements of this Code, an
9 absentee ballot envelope shall clearly state that the absentee
10 voter must sign his or her absentee ballot envelope in a manner
11 similar to that voter's registration record signature. The
12 envelope shall also clearly state that failure to do so may
13 result in the rejection of the ballot.

14 (b) In addition to any other requirements of this Code, an
15 absentee voter must supply his or her birth date and the last 4
16 digits of his or her Social Security number on his or her
17 absentee ballot envelope.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the
19 contrary, the election authority shall record the number of
20 absentee ballots rejected due to a signature discrepancy and
21 report that number to the State Board of Elections.